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On 20 August 1953 four Soviet-type 125 foot submarines were anchored in Tsingtao Harbor. There were thirty-five or forty Chinese crewmen on the deck of each of these vessels.

Comment. These submarines were of the Soviet M-type.

Comment. Despite the existence of confirmatory reports that one M-type submarine was berthed at Tsingtao during July and early August 1953, the details in this report regarding the number of vessels and the number and identity of the crews should be viewed with reserve because of the poor previous reporting record of the secondary informant.

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